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11. (U) On July 08, 2008 EconOff and FAS FSN delivered talking points to Ricardo Tunon of the Vice Ministry of Trade regarding sugar exports for FY 2008 as requested by Reftel. Ricardo Tunon coordinates sugar exports with Panama's sugar mills. Tunon explained that the 1,637.09 metric tons of sugar that remains of Panama's original sugar quota of 30,538.00 metric tons is too small to make a shipment. Therefore, Panama currently considers its sugar quota used for FY 2008. Panama would be willing to ship more sugar if allowed to do so.
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